

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for the automated processing of a property transaction, including a real estate closing process and its attendant documentation, including:

3 a network accessible by a plurality of users involved in the property transaction;

6 a database, accessible via said network, said database allowing controlled access by the plurality of users and storing data related to said client, said database further including at least a first table having embedded rules wherein the rules define a work-flow for the property transaction and at least a second table defining
9 at least one attribute of a display of information associated with said property transaction; and

12 a web-based user interface providing access to said database, wherein said user interface is dynamically controlled as a function of the at least one attribute defined in the second table.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the property transaction includes legal services.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the legal services provided are associated with a closing of a real property transaction, and includes services rendered both
3 prior to and after the closing of the real property transaction.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the web-based user interface is generated in response to code operating on a server on the network, by taking the data in the
3 second table and assembling HTML layout and object information,.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the web-based user interface is generated in response to software operating on a server on the network, by taking the data in
3 the second table and generating an XML result set and an XSL translation sheet,

and where software operating on a user computer loads the XSL translation sheet and process the XML result set to produce browser interpretable HTML code to
6 display the interface at the user computer.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the web-based user interface includes navigational information and is dynamically generated in response to information
3 that includes identification of the user.

7. A system for the automated processing of a transaction, including:
a network accessible by a plurality of users involved with the transaction;
3 a database, accessible via said network, allowing controlled access thereto by the plurality of users and storing data related to a client, said database further including at least a first table having embedded rules wherein the rules define a
6 work-flow for the transaction and at least a second table defining attributes for the display of information in said database; and
a user interface, responsive to information stored in said second table, that
9 provides access to said database, such that the appearance of said user interface is dynamically controlled as a function of the attributes defined in the second table.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the web-based user interface is generated in response to software operating on a server on the network, with an XML result
3 set and an XSL translation sheet employing data in the second table, and where software operating on a user computer loads the XSL translation sheet and processes the XML result set to produce browser interpretable HTML code to
6 display the interface at the user computer.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein the web-based user interface includes navigational information and is dynamically generated in response to information
3 that includes identification of the user.

10. The system of claim 7, wherein the layout of the user interface is a record-set comprising information about each field of the interface.

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11. The system of claim 8, wherein the record-set includes information about the data source of a field of the user interface.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the record-set includes a stored procedure associated with the field.

13. The system of claim 7, wherein the record-set includes an array.

14. The system of claim 7, wherein the record-set includes an object oriented structure.

15. The system of claim 7, wherein the record-set includes data to control the information displayed in response to data identifying a transaction file that a user is seeking access to.

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16. The system of claim 7, wherein the network hosts a database that is employed to provide system access and automated processing of transactions to users from a plurality of organizations.

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17. A method for dynamically creating a user interface for managing work-flow during the provision of services in a transaction, including the steps of:

3 providing a network accessible by a plurality of users involved in the transaction;

 creating a database, accessible via the network, the database allowing
6 controlled access by the plurality of users and storing data related to the transaction, the database further including at least a first table having embedded rules wherein the rules define a work-flow for the transaction and at least a second
9 table defining the attributes of a display of information associated with said transaction; and

 providing access to the database for the plurality of users, via a user
12 interface, wherein said user interface is dynamically controlled as a function of data stored in the second table.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the step of providing access further comprises the steps of:

3 receiving a request from a user computer for display of information; and

 in response to the request, generating a user interface card having the requested information displayed therein, where the layout and the data depicted in
6 the card are, at least partially, retrieved from the second table.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of controlling the information displayed as a function of the user making the request.

20. The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of controlling the information displayed as a function of the transaction.